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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/522,673	Applicant(s) WEBB, STEPHEN ROBERT	
	Examiner Jerry Redman	Art Unit 3634	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7 and 11-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7 and 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The request filed on 7/27/2009 for a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. Any previous finality is hereby withdrawn and a new action on the merits follows. Any newly-submitted claims have been added. An action on the RCE follows.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 6 and 8-10 have been cancelled; and

Claims 1-5, 7, and 11-20 are herein addressed below.

Claims 1-5, 7, and 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 1, lines 8-9, the applicant recites a "second cover". Exactly what is the applicant trying to claim? The applicant recites a cover comprising a first strip, a second strip and a second cover? How is the second cover different from the first cover? Which "ends" of which strips/covers are attached to the wall/door? In claim 2, which "fastening member" is the applicant referring to? In claim 11, line 2, the applicant recites "a first strip". Are there two "first strips"? What member/strip has a "second T-section member"? Is this different than in the first claim? In claim 13, lines 1-2, the applicant recites a cover comprising a first and second cover. This language appears awkward. Furthermore, in claim 13, exactly which elements of each cover respectively are attached to one another to form "a cover"? In claim 17, lines 9, the applicant recites "a second cover", does the applicant

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imply that the main cover has a first and second cover that are identical and attached together?

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

As best understood, claims 1-5, 7, 11-12, and 17 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Webb (2002/0046501 A1). Webb (2002/0046501 A1) discloses a cover (4) mounted on a hinge (2) side between a door (1) and door frame (3), the cover further comprising a first and second strip (as seen in figures 7 and 8) hingedly (8) connected, the first strip having a first flexible joint (8, the center joint), a T-section (14) linked by a second joint (8, to the left in Figure 8) and attached via a C-shaped channel (16) which is adhesively (7) attached to a door/frame, and the second strip (the one on the right side in Figure 8) connected via third joint (8, the right joint) having a fastening member which is adhesively (7, on the right side) attached to the door/frame. Thus, Webb (6,497,073 B2) discloses four rigid portions connected by three hinges (8). Webb (6,497,073 B2) further discloses the cover formed of “fibrous or fluted board material” (see claim 3 of the patent application no. 2002/0046501 A1) or “plastics” (claim 5 of the patent application no. 2002/0046501 A1). With respect to the

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last limitation in claim 17, any portion along the right side in Figure 8 would read on a "second cover".

Depending on the applicant's amendments, claims 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Depending on the applicant's amendments, claims 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Redman whose telephone number is 571-272-6835. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH from 8 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Mitchell, can be reached on 571-272-7069. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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